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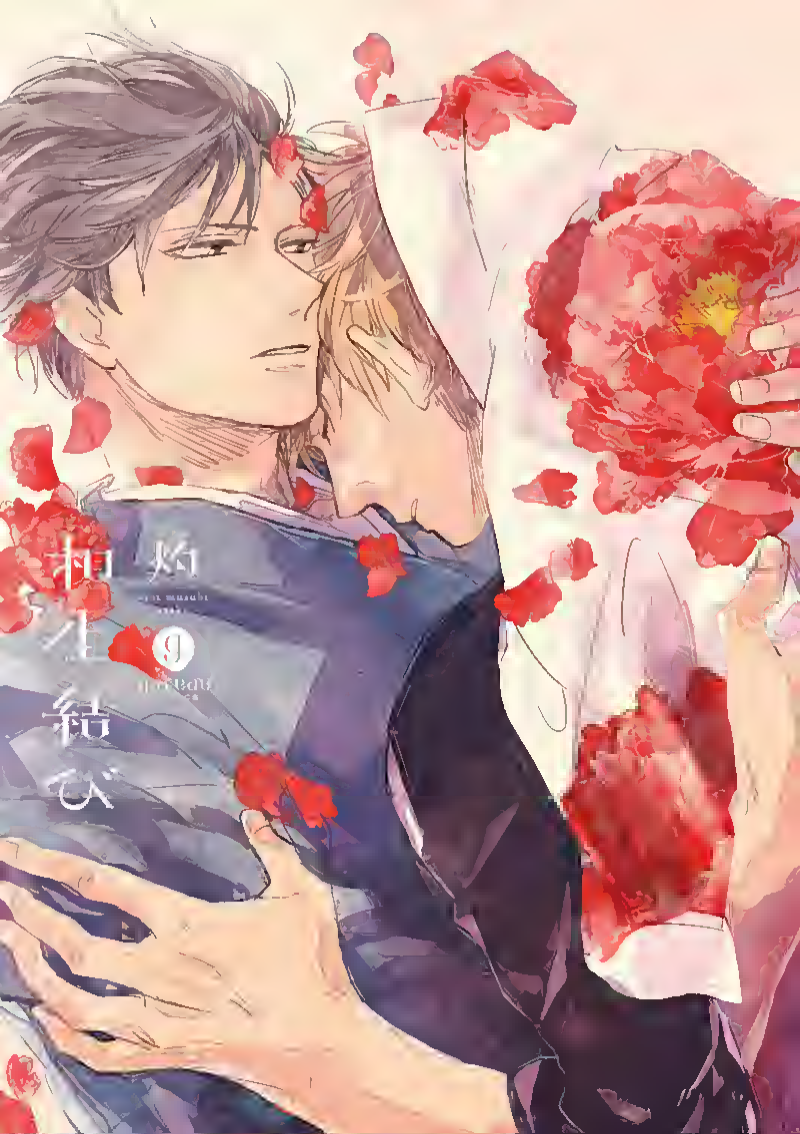
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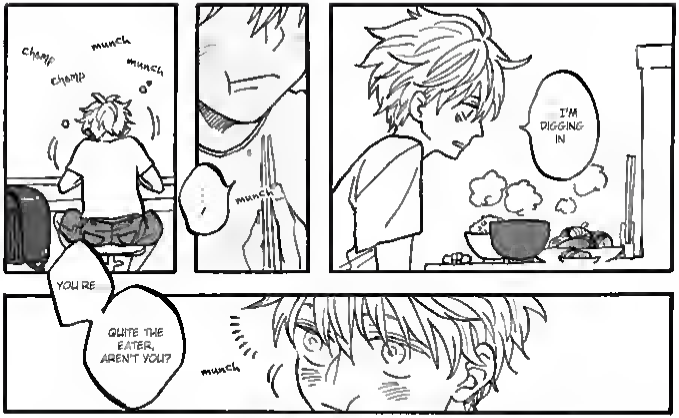
SWEET SIMMERED PACIFIC SAURY
STEWED EGGPLANT,
MARINATED MIZUNA AND RADISH
MISO SOUP WITH ONIONS AND POTATOES
THE RICE IS TOPPED WITH BOILED GINGER.
WE ALSO HAVE YUZU JELLY
Simmer
Simmer
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY RIGHT?
EAT UP BEFORE IT GETS COLD


chomp
chomp
munch
munch
munch
I'M DIGGING IN
YOU'RE QUITE THE EATER, AREN'T YOU?
munch

YOU CAN HAVE SECONDS...SO AT LEAST CHEW YOUR FOOD PROPERLY
To me the taste of mother's cooking. . .

is Mako-san's cooking

I know that already
POUT
IF YOU DIRTY THE SHOP YOU'RE BANNED FROM ENTERING
THAT'S A GIVEN, IDIOT
BUT I TOOK A BATH BEFORE COMING OVER CAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO ANGER MAKO-SAN
CLUNK
HOW WAS WORK TODAY?
IT WAS TERRIBLE I GOT COVERED IN SO MUCH DIRT
TMP
MISO SOUP WITH TURNIP AND DEEP FRIED TOFU,
AND CHESTNUT RICE
SIMMERED YAM,
BROILED OKARA,
HEYYY
WHAT'S ON THE MENU TODAY?
CLINK
SALT GRILLED MACKEREL
CLINK
CHEW
ICCHAN YOU MADE THE YAM DISH?
IT'S REALLY GOOD. THE YAM TASTES AMAZING
THAT'S RIGHT! HOW'S THE FLAVOR?
CLICK
MUNCH
CHAMP
!
MUNCH MUNCH
I'm digging in!
GAP

I'M SURPRISED YOU COULD TELL WHO MADE IT
Hehe.
I'VE HAD MAKO-SAN'S COOKING SINCE I WAS A KID
SO I KNOW MAKO-SAN'S FLAVOR
The flavor that's full of love!
THERE HE GOES AGAIN.
MAKO-SAN RESEMBLES A MOTHERLY FIGURE MORE THAN A BROTHER, HUH?
Yeah!
GOOD GRIEF
chew
I SURE HAVE A HUGE KID
MAKO-SAN, IS THERE ANYTHING FOR ME TO DO AT THE SHOP TODAY?
PEEL THE EDAMAME AND PREPARE THE INGREDIENTS FOR THE PICKLES
GOT IT
gulp

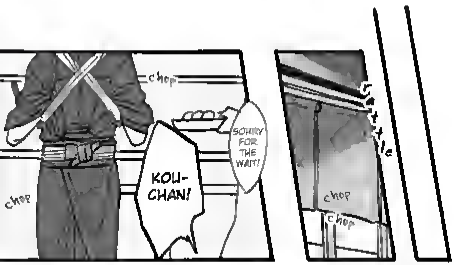
THANKS FOR THE FOOD
THANKS FOR THE FOOD
PLEASE COME AGAIN!
GOOD WORK. SEE YOU THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW
Say hi to Aunty for me.
I WILL!
WELL THEN I'LL USE THE BATH FIRST!
OKAY
sigh
Bleee

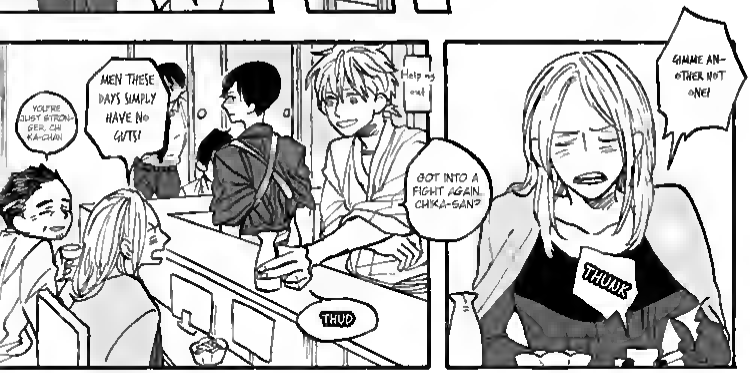
SLIDE
KOUTA?
SILENCE
?
HEY KOUTA,
YOU SHOULD GO SLEE...
OH
Zzzz
Zzz
YOU AGAIN.
snore
snuggle
HMM...

snore
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED ONE BIT HAVE YOU

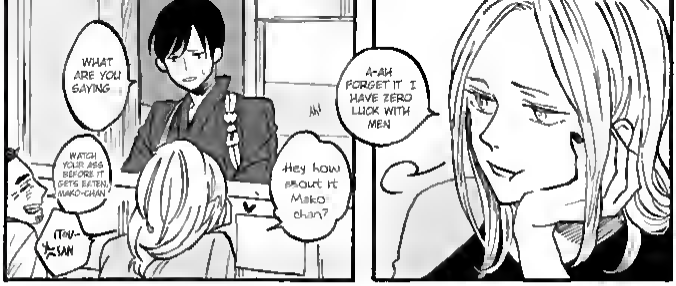
I WILL ALWAYS

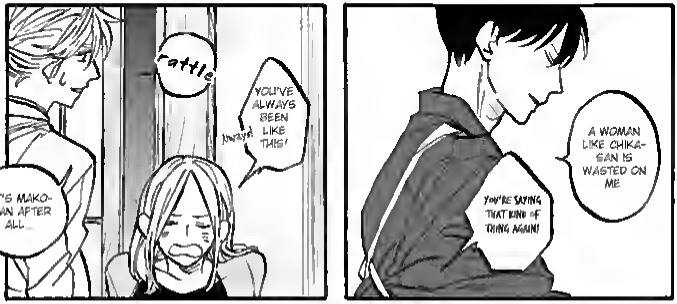
HE HERE FOR YOU


chop
chop
KOU-CHAN!
SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
chop
chop
chop

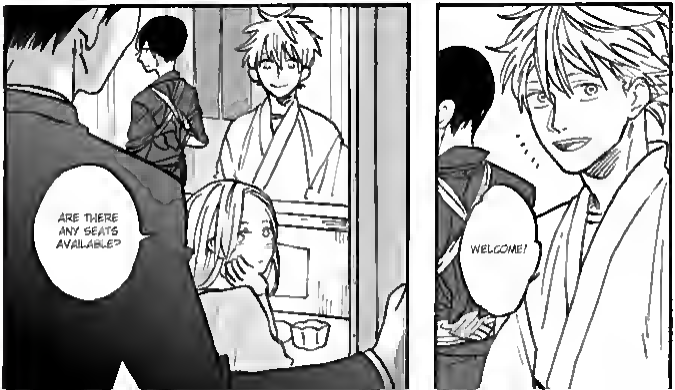

MEN THESE DAYS SIMPLY HAVE NO GUTS!
YOU'RE JUST STRONGER, OH KAGAMI
THUD
Help me out
GOT INTO A FIGHT AGAIN, CHIKA-SAN?
GIMME ANOTHER NOT ONE!
THUNK

I'M GETTING ANGRY JUST THINKING ABOUT IT AGAIN!!
MY CONDOLENCES TO YOUR BOYFRIEND
SCREEEECH
HERE YOU GO TSUJI-SAN.
THANKS
CLUUK


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...
WATCH YOUR MEAT BEFORE IT GETS EATEN, MAKO-CHAN!
ITOU-☆SAN
Hey how about it Mako-chan?
A-AH FORGET IT I HAVE ZERO LUCK WITH MEN


rattle
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS!
sweat
IT'S MAKO-SAN AFTER ALL...
A WOMAN LIKE CHIKA-SAN IS WASTED ON ME
YOU'RE SAYING THAT KIND OF THING AGAIN!

step
EXCUSE ME


ARE THERE ANY SEATS AVAILABLE?
WELCOME!

Arimasa-san!
WE HAVE COUNTER SEATS!
PLEASE HELP YOURSELF...
AH.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, MAKOTO-KUN.
SO YOU CAME BACK
IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO UNPACK. I FINALLY HAVE TIME TO COME OUT AND ENJOY A GOOD MEAL
CLATTER
STILL...

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT
IT WOULD BE GOOD IF MY SKILLS HAVE IMPROVED FROM BEFORE
I HAVEN'T HAD YOUR COOKING IN A WHILE
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL SINCE THEN
SEEING MAKO-CHAN MAKE A FACE LIKE THAT IS A FIRST
SOME-HOW
HMM...
THEY LOOK SO HAPPY TOGETHER, I'M ENVIOUS~
NOPE
YOU DON'T KNOW HIM EITHER, KOU-CHAN?

.....

CLATTER
THANKS FOR TODAY IT WAS SO COZY I COULDN'T BEAR TO LEAVE
PLEASE COME BY AGAIN SOON

OKAY
THANK YOU VERY MUCH! BE CAREFUL ON THE WAY OUT
KOUTA I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT
THANKS FOR THE FOOD
IT'S ENCOURAGING TO HAVE ARIMA SA SAN THE RAIN DOESN'T SEEM TO BE SETTLING IN. LET ME ESCORT YOU
THE FOOD WAS EXCELLENT TOO

WHOOSH
AH...

WHOOSH
rattle rattle
DONE
CLUNK

GOTTA TAKE OUT THE TRASH
step step

P
O
U
R
WHOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
twirl
WHA
HUH?
THAT WAS

WHAT JUST
MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T...
pouring
thump
thump
MAKO-SAN
click
HMM?
SQUEAK
ERM.
NO...
IT'S NOTHING...
TMP
TMP
AAARGH...

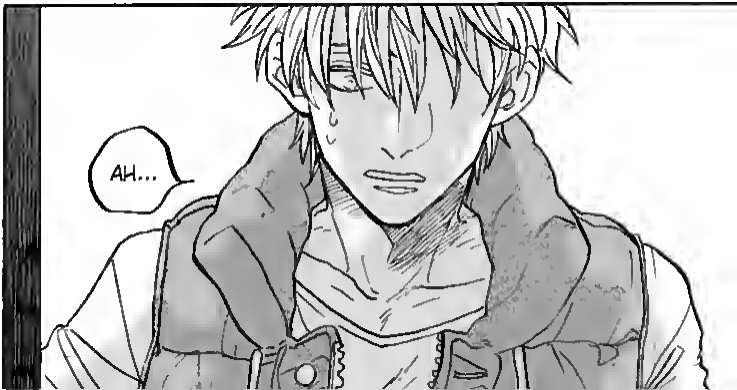
HUH?
trot
IS THERE ANY FOOD LEFT...?
enters
MAKO-SAN?
EVEN IF THE SHOP IS CLOSED TODAY
snore
trot
trot
open
IS HE IN THE BATH?
MAKO-SA
HUH?

THIS CUTS
WHY IS HE HERE
THIS IS MAKO SAN S HOUSE

MAKO SAN NEVER BROUGHT OVER ANY DRUNK CUSTOMERS BEFORE
thump
thump
BESIDES THE SHOP ISN T EVEN OPEN TODAY

WHO IS THIS GUY ANYWAY?
AN AC-QUAIN-TANCE?
A FRIEND?
DO FRIENDS EMBRACE EACH OTHER LIKE THAT?
DID MAKO-SAN MENTION THAT HE HAD A GIRL FRIEND?
HE DOES GET INVITED A LOT BY CUSTOM-ER
WELL
IF THEY ARE FRIENDS, IT'S NORMAL FOR HIM TO COME OVER, RIGHT?
YET
WAIT
DO I
What exactly
did I see, then?
IT'S AS IF I'M

Because this place belongs to me and Mako-san.



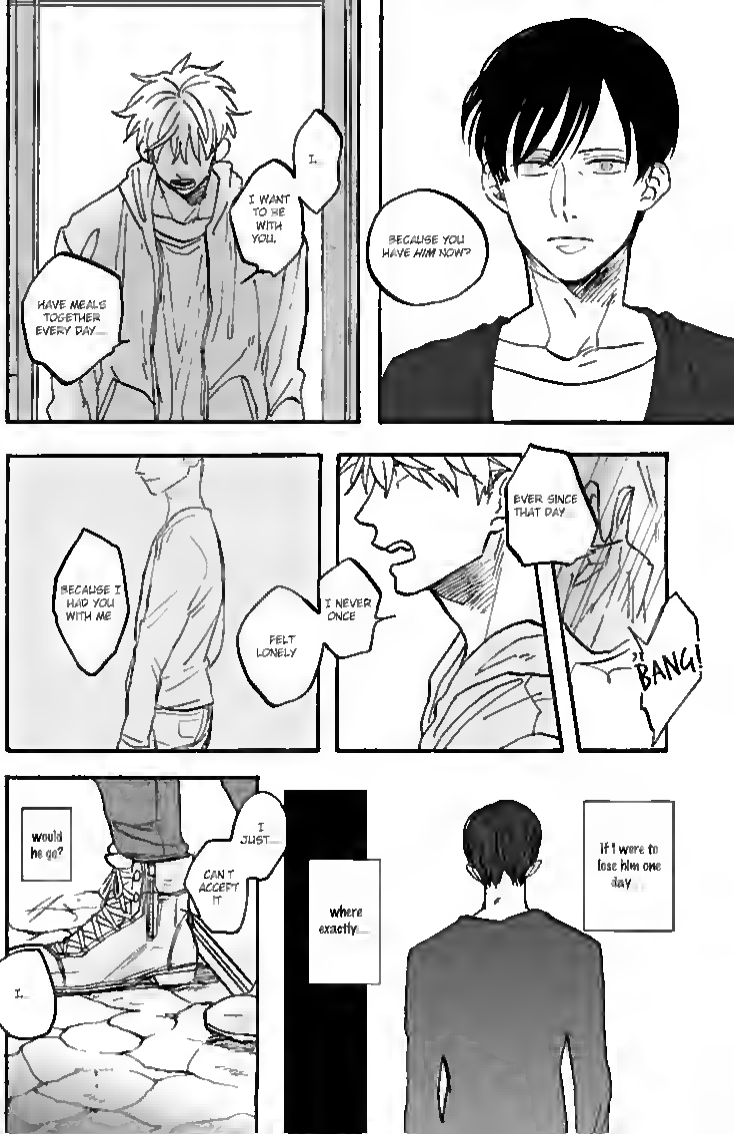
clang
rattle
thud
thud
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
AH I'M FINE SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE
thump
MMMGH
ARIMASA-SAN
HUH?
KOUTA-KUN? NO
UHM.
DID YOU SEE KOUTA?
THEN AGAIN IT FELT LIKE SOMEONE ELSE WAS IN THE ROOM.
I GUESS IT'S RARE EVEN FOR YOU
IT'S BEEN SOME TIME SINCE I LET MY HAIR DOWN LIKE THAT

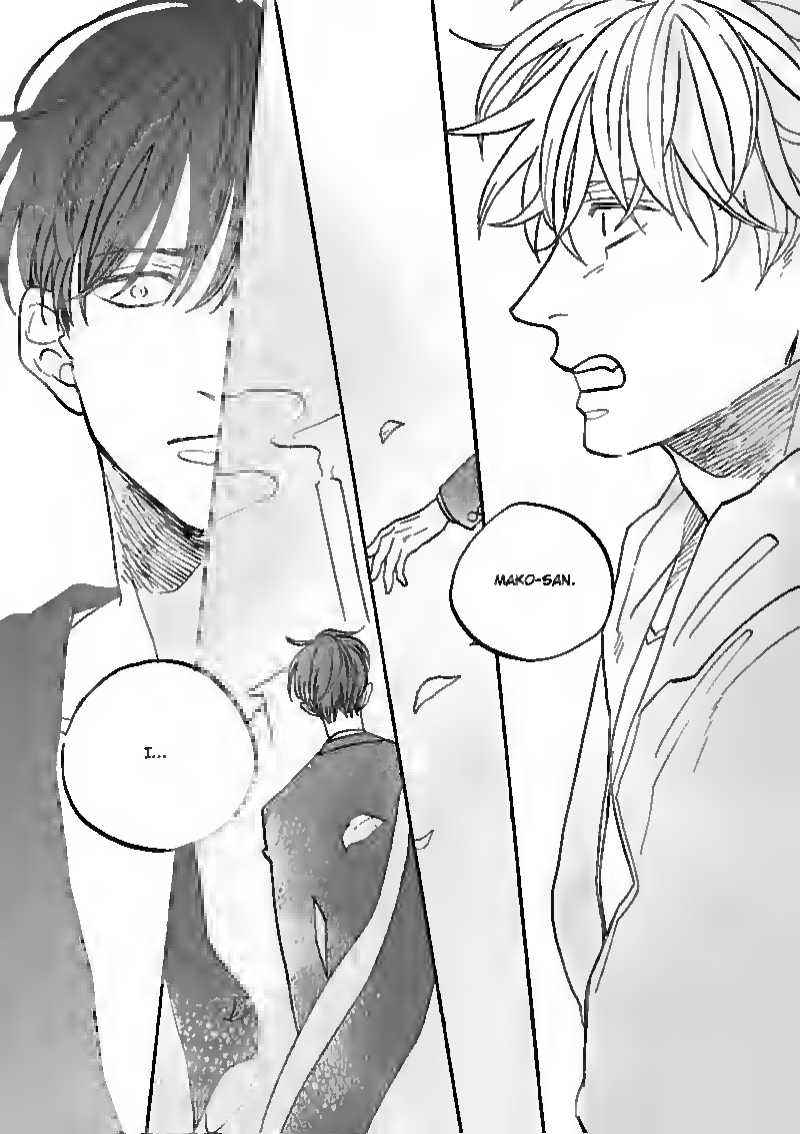
IS THAT SO...
Fwoosh
KOUTA DIDN'T COME OVER AGAIN TODAY HUH?
YEAH HE SEEMS BUSY LATELY
ROGER THAT THANKS FOR THE FOOD!
DON'T GO TOO OVERBOARD NOW
TAKE CARE
I'LL MAKE HIM TALK WHEN I SEE HIM!
MAYBE HE'S GOTTEN HIMSELF A GIRL!
Whoosh
Flash
.....

SQUEAK
RUSTLE
KNOCK
KOUTA?
rattle
.....
RUSTLE
!
step

RUSTLE
MAKO
SAN
THE SHOP?
I CLOSED IT
YOU'RE EARLY TODAY
YEAH
ARE YOU
EATING PROPERLY?
...
.....
SO...

YOU'RE FINE BY YOURSELF ALREADY?
I'M NOT FINE AT ALL MAKO-SAN
AM I A BOTHER?
YOU DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE?


I...
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU.
HAVE MEALS TOGETHER EVERY DAY...
BECAUSE YOU HAVE HIM NOW?
BECAUSE I HAD YOU WITH ME
I NEVER ONCE FELT LONELY
EVER SINCE THAT DAY...
BANG!
would he go?
I JUST... CAN'T ACCEPT IT
I...
where exactly...
If I were to lose him one day...

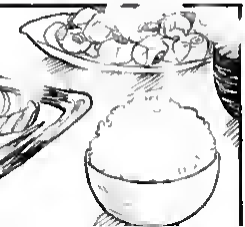

I...
MAKO-SAN.

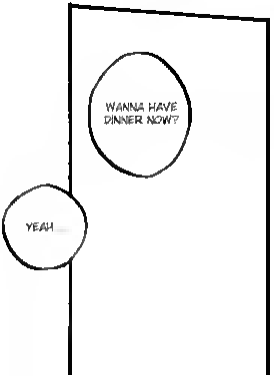
WHA-

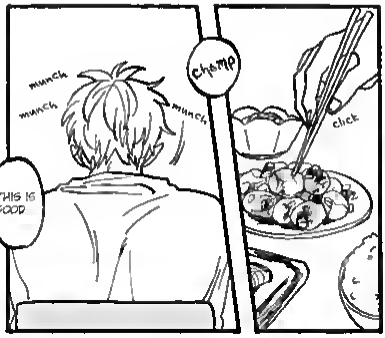
CALM DOWN, HORON...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE THINKING BUT ARIMAGA-SAN AND I ARE FRIENDS
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY YOU'RE A BOTHER
IF YOU WERE, I WOULDN'T BE COOKING FOR YOU!
BUT.....

YOU'RE...
FAMILY TO ME
OR IS THAT NOT THE CASE FOR YOU?
O-OF COURSE NOT
YOU ARE MY VERY IMPORT-ANT FAMILY
THE ONLY THING THAT HAS GROWN IS YOUR BODY.
pat
pat
GEEZ.
IT BE ...AUSE WE'RE FAMILY?
Is...

YOU REALLY ARE...
sob
SQUEEZE
STOP TREATING ME LIKE A KID ALREADY!

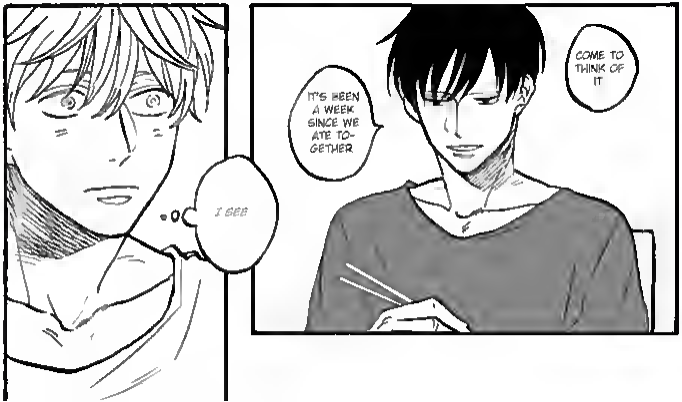


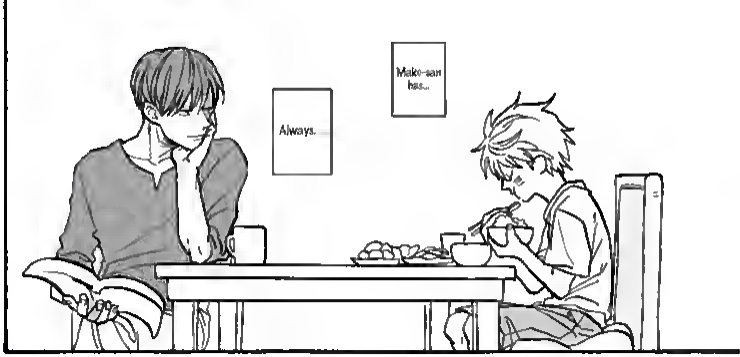

WANNA HAVE DINNER NOW?
YEAH...

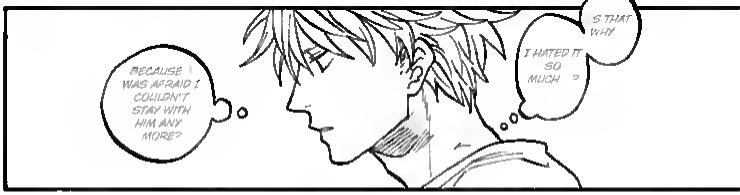

munch
munch
munch
Chomp
click
THIS IS GOOD

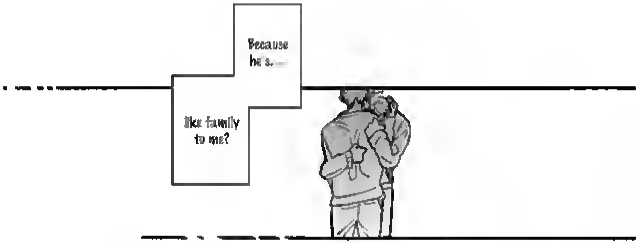
I'M DIG-GING IN
MM.

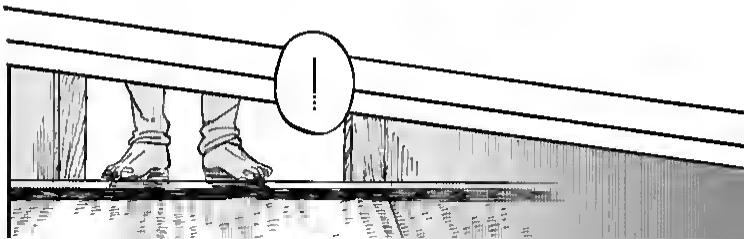
WHO DO YOU THINK MADE ALL THIS?
OF COURSE IT IS


I SEE
IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE WE ATE TO-GETHER
COME TO THINK OF IT


Always...
Mako-san has...


BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID I COULDN'T STAY WITH HIM ANY MORE?
I HATED IT SO MUCH
S THAT WHY

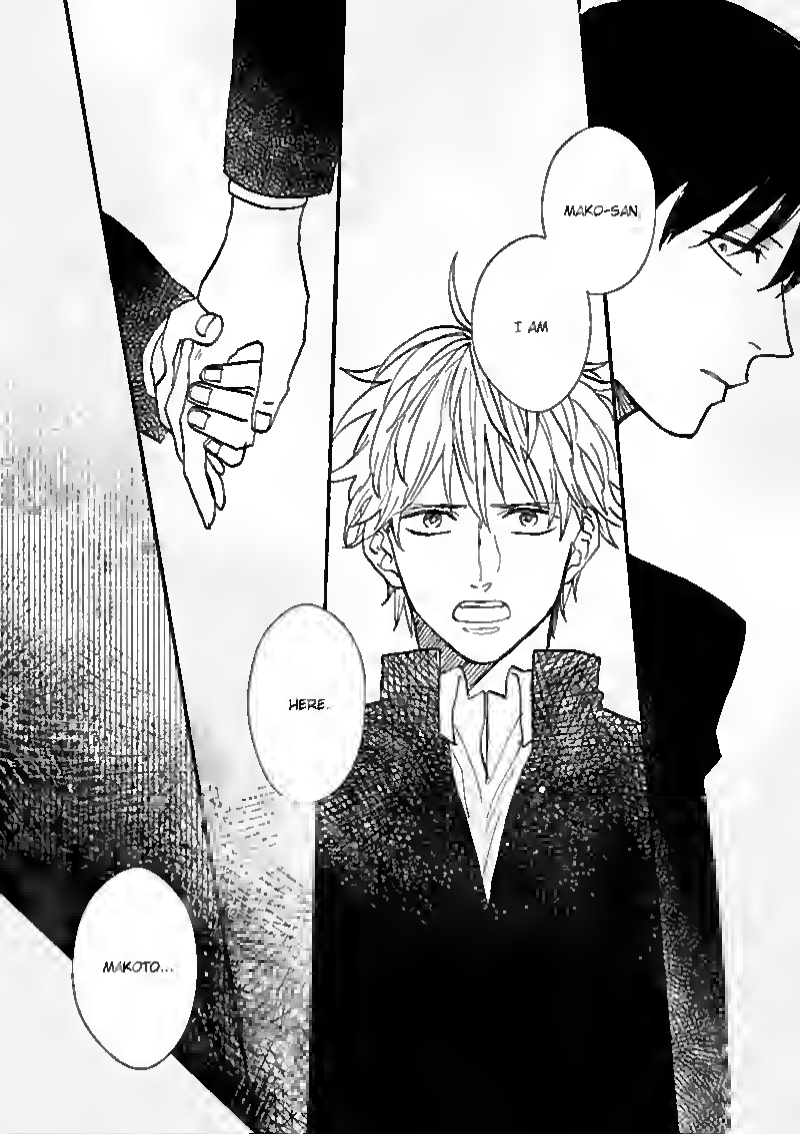

Because he's...
like family to me?


!

creak
creak
creak
breathe snore
.....
MAKO-SAN
DON'T GO AROUND MIS-UNDERSTAND-ING THINGS

BRUSH

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
THE STORE WILL...
IT'S ALRIGHT.
I'LL BE HERE.
MAKOTO -KUN.
WILL
MAKO-SAN


MAKO-SAN.
I AM
HERE.
MAKOTO...

THIS IS KOUTA-KUN FROM THE TAKAHASHI FAMILY WHO JUST MOVED IN NEXT DOOR TODAY.
YOU KNOW TAKAHASHI-SAN, RIGHT?
HE'S BUSY WITH WORK AND DOESN'T GET BACK UNTIL VERY LATE
Please take care of me!
...SAME HERE
Ever since back then,
he was an unexpectedly bright and lively brat.
HE'S OFTEN ALONE

NO "I'M BACK"?
I'M BACK!
AND TELL THAT TO MY DAD I'M ONLY GOING TO GIVE YOU PICKLES.
MAKO-SAN, I WANT SOME OMURICE!
I LOVE PICKLES!
shine
ugh
shine
NGH
HOLD ON A MINUTE
YOU'VE GOT A SOFT SPOT FOR HIM, MAKOTO
hehehe.
THAT'S NOT TRUE
I shouldn't have fed him the first time.

STEAM
CHOMP
chew
chew
YUMI
CLINK
CLINK
SHE LOOKS BUSY LATELY.
SQUEAK
splash
CLINK
CLINK
MOM SAID SHE'S NOT COMING HOME TODAY

THEN HURRY UP AND TAKE A BATH.
EHEHE
WHAT "EHEHE" ?
WE WAKE UP EARLY, SO MAKE SURE TO DO THAT
OKAY!
BREATHE
BREATHE

He was a treasured existence.
Although I never said it.
He was like a brother,
like family.
That's how....

MAKO-SAN!
it was supposed to be.

OF COURSE YOU'RE NOT A NUISANCE...
You were always right there.
That's why...
THOSE FEELINGS
ARE MISTAKEN.

AREN'T WE
FAMILY?
chop
chop
chop
chop
chop
SLIDE
MAKO-S.AN.

ARE YOU GOING OUT?
PEEK
Even you have to go out some times
DON'T MAKE ME SOUND LIKE A HER-MIT
Hehe
OKAY
YEAH, FOR A BIT.
GO WASH UP.
I'M OFF
Have a safe trip

SHUT
MAKOTO
POPS OUT
Long time no see How are you?
YOU NEVER CHANGE
You're hated, aren't you?
SAME TO YOU.
YOU LOOK WELL EVEN IN YOUR 30S.
IT REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

SQUEEZE
THEN LET'S GO
Okay, okay
No more stupid talk and let's do this.
BUT YOUR SMOOTH SKIN NEVER CHANGES
GEEZ YOU'RE RUINING THE MOOD
How stingy
WHACK
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TOUCH ME OUTSIDE!
THAT'S ENOUGH
QUICKLY...
MAKOTO-KUN?
Haw...
WHERE SHOULD WE DO IT?
Sniff

RIMASA...
...SAN.
IS BLACK TEA OKAY?
SORRY.

I'M STILL NOT USED TO THIS LIFE

THANK YOU.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TO YOUR LIKING.

MAKO-TO-KUN.
KOUTA-KUN IS...

SORRY FOR CALLING OUT TO YOU.
NO, IT'S AL-RIGHT.
EVEN THOUGH WE TALKED NOT TOO LONG AGO...

HE DOESN'T KNOW...
IT'S BETTER TO NOT KNOW THESE THINGS
IT'S BETTER TO NOT UNDER-STAND IT
SORRY YOU HAD TO GET IN-VOLVED IN THIS
AND YOU HAD TO SEE SUCH A DISDAINFUL SIGHT
MAKO-TO-KUN,
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU IN THAT PLACE.
ONE OF THE REGULARS AT OUR SHOP
SAID THAT HE KNEW OF A GOOD RESTAURANT AND WANTED TO SHOW ME

I HAD ACTUALLY PLANNED ON SPEAKING WITH YOU SOON
.....
OUR COMPANY PROPOSED A NEW PROJECT TODAY SO THAT'S WHY I CAME TO YOU
I WAS HOPING YOU COULD HELP US OUT...
...WHO ME?
THIS IS PRETTY SUDDEN...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE.
THAT STORE IS WELL-MANAGED,
AND YOU'RE SKILLED
YOUR FATHER, YOSHIMI-SAN' STORE.

THAT MAY SOUND PRESUMPTUOUS

I AM HERE TODAY ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR FATHER.

AND I KNOW THERE ARE SOME THINGS I SHOULDN'T ASK

BECAUSE I TREA-SURE THAT STORE,
AND ALSO YOU.
ARIMASA-SAN.

SINCE THIS IS BETWEEN YOU TWO

I WAS PREPARED.
AT FIRST.
I WAS SCARED OF BEING THIS WAY...
SCARED THAT IT WOULD AFFECT HIM

I CAN NO LONGER HAVE A NORMAL FAMILY
BUT HE'S DIFFERENT.
SO HE DOESN'T NEED TO KNOW THIS STUFF
I'M NOT DOING IT FOR HIS SAKE
I'M JUST SCARED
I CAN'T LEAVE HIM ANYMORE.

JUST SEND IT OVER TO-MORROW MORNING
TAKE YOUR TIME ON IT.
...OKAY
How many times have I thought that?
I can't leave him anymore.

SHUT
I'LL GET OFF HERE
THANK YOU
TAKE YOUR TIME THIS TIME TOO
AND ABOUT WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SO ACCEPTING OF THAT
RAISE
THEN I'LL SEE YOU
YEAH

OH
ARIMASA-SAN
hugs
SEE YOU
YOU DON'T DO THIS WITH OTHER PEOPLE,
YOU GAVE ME A SHOCK
Of course not!
THOUGH I MYSELF QUITE LIKE IT
ONLY WITH PEOPLE I'M CLOSE WITH SOMETHING I PICKED UP FROM OVERSEAS
AHAHA
YOU SHOULD START GETTING USED TO THINGS HERE AGAIN
SHUT
TAKE CARE
VROOOOM
APPEARS

HISS
KOUTA?
WHA—
tug
!!
HEY!
WHAT'S WRONG?
BAM
KOU...

CREAK
You cannot
look at me like that.
MAKO-SAN.

Aioi Musubi Last Part

...that I'm always here for you.
Please don't forget...

Don't take him away from me.

DID YOU GO TO THAT PERSON'S PLACE?
THAT PERSON IS ARIMASA-SAN TO YOU.
...TCH.
MAKO-SAN,

DO YOU LIKE HIM?
EVER SINCE THAT RAINY DAY
I'VE BEEN FEELING RESTLESS
IT NEVER BOTHERED ME THEN, BUT
What I saw...
...that time,
I'VE NEVER SEEN MAKO-SAN TOGETHER WITH A WOMAN BEFORE
PERHAPS...
MAKO-SAN AND MEN ..

With him...
I'VE BEEN WEIRD SINCE THEN
KOUTA

I WAS REALLY, REALLY HAPPY
As if we were the real thing...
WHEN YOU TOLD ME I WAS AS IMPORTANT AS FAMILY TO YOU...
BUT,
EVEN THOUGH I TRIED TO THINK OF US LIKE THAT

WHEN I LOOK AT YOU MY HEART WON'T STOP POUNDING
WHEN I SEE YOU BEING FRIENDLY TO OTHER PEOPLE
I FEEL SOMETHING STIRRING INSIDE OF ME, AND MY CHEST GETS TIGHT...
The feeling is completely different.
THE MERE THOUGHT OF YOU BEING TOGETHER WITH TACHIBANA-SAN,
MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO EAT...

CLEN-
CH
YOU...
...PROBABLY WON'T COOK FOR ME ANYMORE,
NOR...
...WOULD YOU WANT ME ANYWHERE NEAR YOU.

BUT I LOVE YOU, MAKO-SAN.
NOT AS FAMILY...
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN SAYING?
DON'T LET THE BLOOD GO TO YOUR HEAD

TCH-
QUIT FOOLING AROUND
SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT TO BE GAY?
LIKE ME?
BUILD A FAMILY FOR YOUR FUTURE...
HAVE KIDS...
SHOULD GET MARR-IED
YOU...

YOU HATE BEING ALONE RIGHT?
...BY YOURSELF!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN

THEN,
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ARE YOU GOING TO BE ALONE EVEN IN DEATH?
CAN YOU REALLY LIVE LIKE THAT?
WELL, I DON'T WANT THAT!

ARE YOU PITYING ME?
OF COURSE NOT!
WHY...?!
It's so painful, trying to hold back from reaching out to him..
I'D HATE THAT...
I KNOW IT'S SELFISH OF ME TO WANT TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE,
GIVING ME A PLACE TO BE BY SACRIFICING YOURSELF IS JUST

BUT STILL,
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T SHAKE THESE HANDS OF MINE OFF...
PICK ME
MAKO-SAN..!

...PICK YOU...
AS IF I COULD DO THAT

FIRST FROM MY FINGERS, THEN TO MY BLOOD AND FLESH..
SLOWLY TAKING OVER MY BODY..
Even the clueless you...
...I WONDER WHEN THESE IMPULSES STARTED GROWING WITHIN ME.
.was precious to me.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE GOOD FOOD FOR YOU..

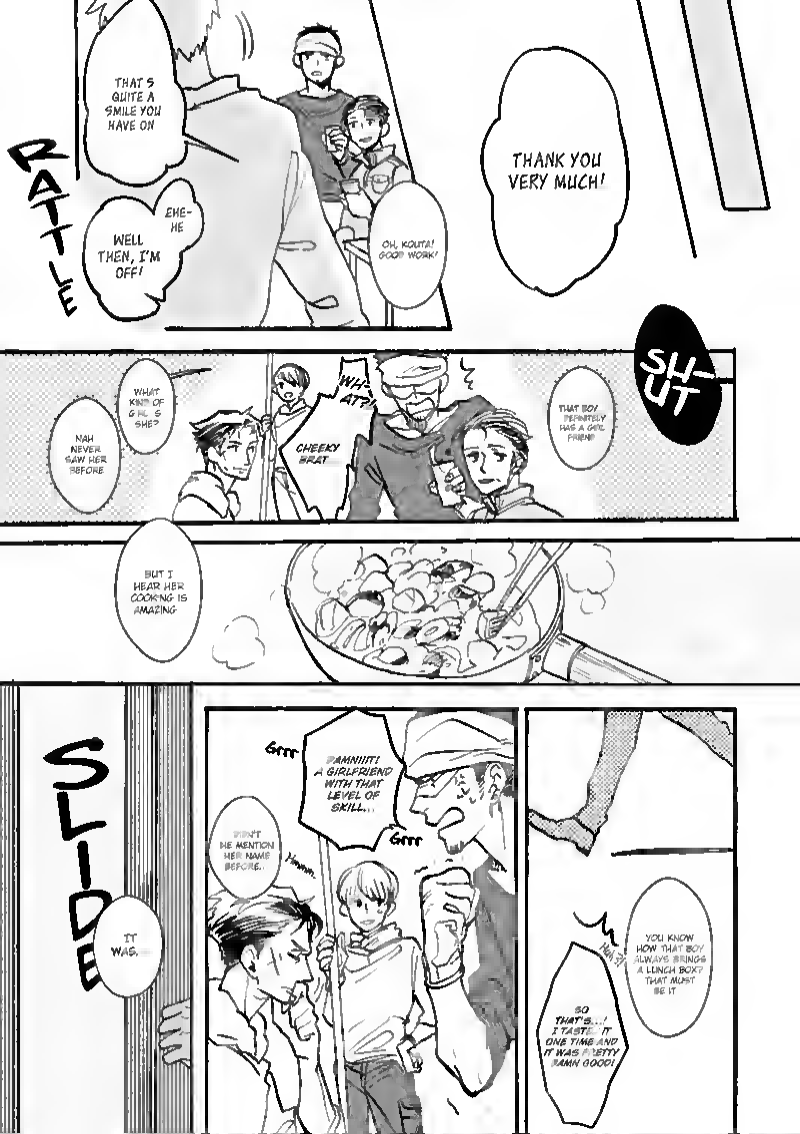
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME
FROM THE VERY START

SO IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO STAY?
I'M THE PERSON I AM NOW THANKS TO YOU, MAKO-SAN
I SHOULD BE THE ONE ASKING YOU
AND YOUR COOKING TOO, OF COURSE
JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT BRINGS ME SO MUCH JOY.

MAKO-SAN,
PLEASE,
KEEP ON MAKING DELICIOUS MISO SOUP FOR ME EVERY DAY
!?
...YOU'VE MATURED...

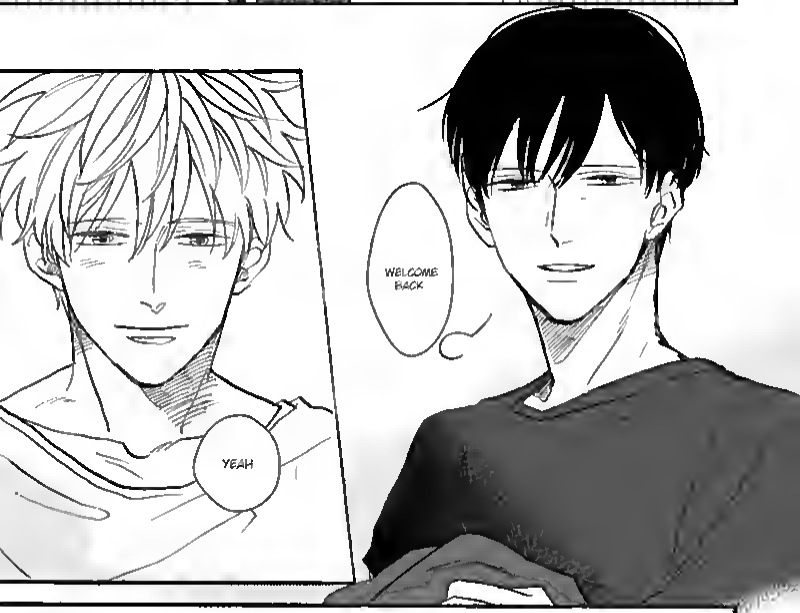
JUST MISO SOUP?
...HOW CLICHÉ
GULP

EVERYTHING
MAIKO-SAN
MAKES


RATTLE
THAT'S QUITE A SMILE YOU HAVE ON
EHE-HE
WELL THEN, I'M OFF!
OH, KOUTA! GOOD WORK!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
SHUT
WHAT?!
CHEEKY BRAT
WHAT KIND OF GAL'S SHE?
NAH NEVER SAW HER BEFORE
THAT BOY DEFINITELY HAS A GIRLFRIEND
BUT I HEAR HER COOKING IS AMAZING
SLIDE
IT WAS...
GYYY
DAMNIT! A GIRLFRIEND WITH THAT LEVEL OF SKILL...
GYYY
DIDN'T HE MENTION HER NAME BEFORE..
Hmmm
YOU KNOW HOW THAT BOY ALWAYS BRINGS A LUNCH BOX? THAT MUST BE IT
SO THAT'S...! I TASTE IT ONE TIME AND IT WAS A PRETTY DAMN GOOD!

MAKO-SAN!
FOOD!

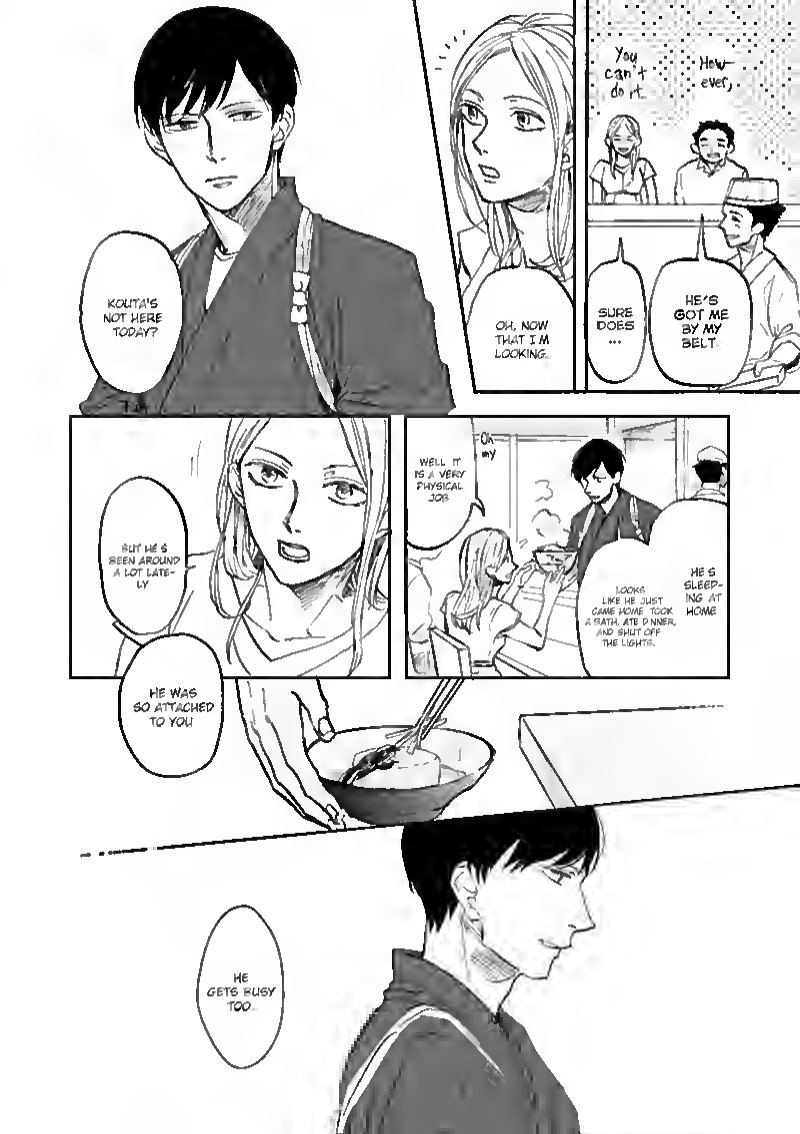
...GEEZ
AND UHM, I'M BACK!

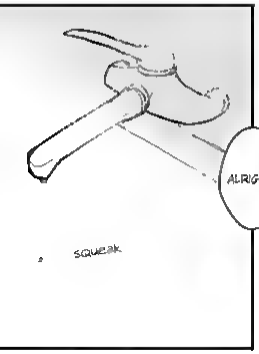

YEAH
WELCOME BACK

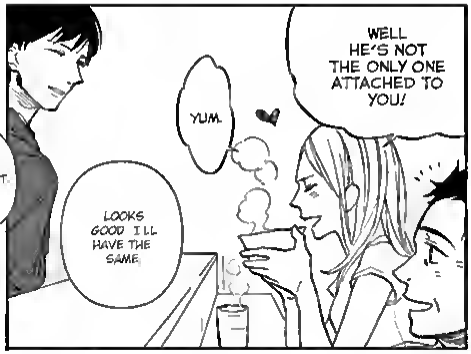
I'LL HAVE IT WITH SCALLIONS!
HOW ABOUT THE MISO SOUP?
I'LL BRING OUT THE RICE
YEAH I RECEIVED SOME BAMBOO SHOOTS
WE'RE HAVING SEASONED RICE TODAY?

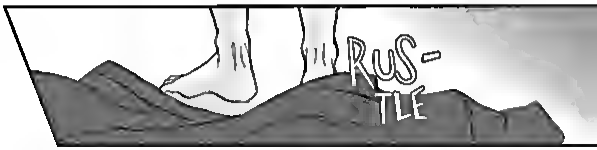
LET'S EAT!

chop
chop
chop
chop
ROLL
GIMME SOME GRUB!
MAKO-CHAN!
CHIKA-SAN! WELCOME
HOW ABOUT SOME SALMON DIPPED IN WASABI TEA?
I'll have it right soon
PLEASE!
CLATTER
YOU MUST BE TIRED CHIKA-CHAN
I WENT OUT DRINKING WITH THE HIGHER-UPS AND NOW MY FACE MUSCLES HURT AND I HAVEN'T HAD DINNER YET
Hear me out, Satou-san!
HAH, NOW THAT'S A TRAGEDY
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS IN FRONT OF THIS STORE

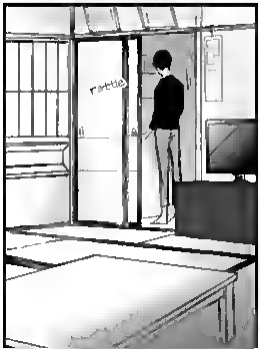

KOUTA'S NOT HERE TODAY?
OH, NOW THAT I M LOOKING..
You can't do it.
However,
SURE DOES ...
HE'S GOT ME BY MY BELT
BUT HE S BEEN AROUND A LOT LATE-LY
WELL IT IS A VERY PHYSICAL JOB
Oh my
LOOKS LIKE HE JUST CAME HOME TOOK A BATH, ATE D NNER, AND SHUT OFF THE LIGHTS.
HE S SLEEP-ING AT HOME
HE WAS SO ATTACHED TO YOU
HE GETS BUSY TOO..


ALRIGHT.
SQUEAK

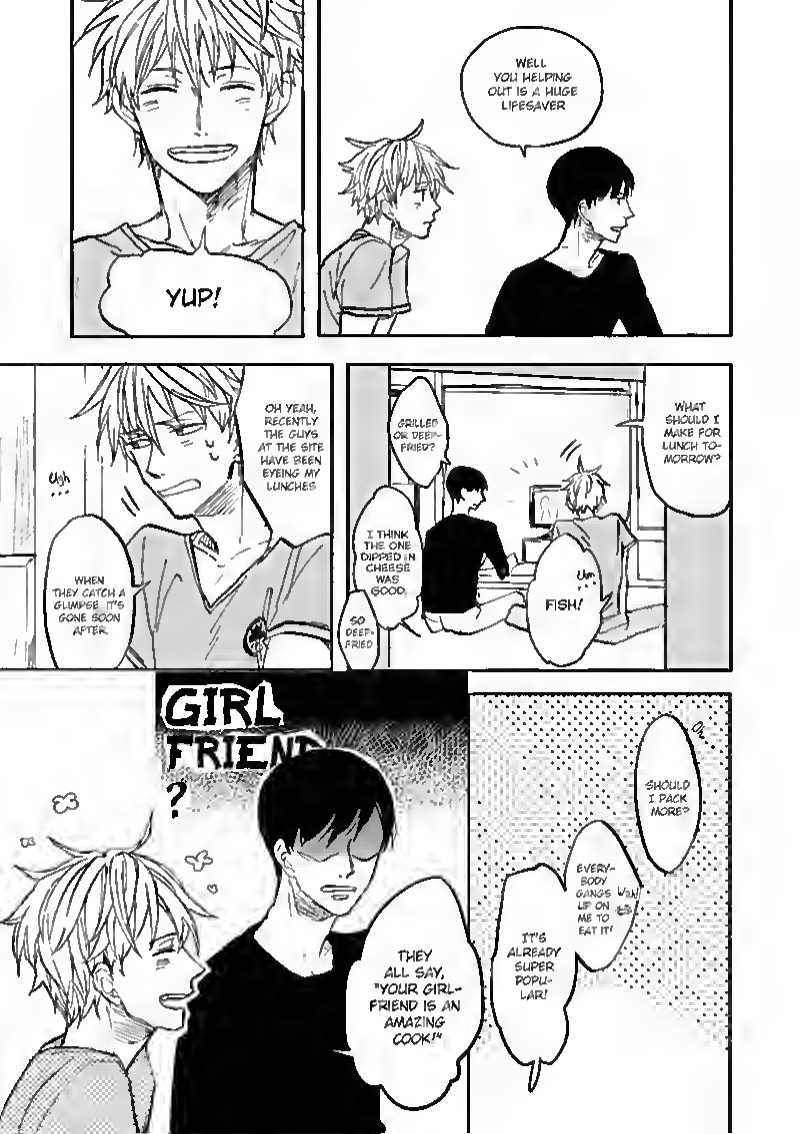

WELL HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE ATTACHED TO YOU!
YUM.
LOOKS GOOD I'LL HAVE THE SAME.


RUS-
TLE

MAKO-SAN?


rattle

SO YOU WERE AWAKE
YEAH, JUST WOKE UP
SORRY I COULDN'T HELP OUT AT THE STORE
GOOD WORK TODAY
YOU'RE PRETTY BUSY WITH WORK NOW, RIGHT?
IT'S FINE FOR YOU TO TAKE BREAKS OR NOT DO IT WHEN YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE IT
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THINGS ON THIS END
YOU'RE SUCH A BULLY
BECAUSE YOU'RE A MUSCLE-HEAD YOU'LL END UP HURTING YOUR BODY
grin
BESIDES, I STILL HAVE ITTPEI
Ittpei


YUP!
WELL YOU HELPING OUT IS A HUGE LIFESAVER
OH YEAH, RECENTLY THE GUYS AT THE SITE HAVE BEEN EYEING MY LUNCHES
Ugh...
WHEN THEY CATCH A GLIMPSE, IT'S GONE SOON AFTER.
WHAT SHOULD I MAKE FOR LUNCH TOMORROW?
GRILLED OR DEEP-FRIED?
I THINK THE ONE DIPPED IN CHEESE WAS GOOD.
SO DEEP-FRIED
Um...
FISH!
GIRL FRIEND?
THEY ALL SAY, "YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS AN AMAZING COOK!"
IT'S ALREADY SUPER POPULAR!
EVERYBODY GANGS UP ON ME TO EAT IT!
Ugh
Oh...
SHOULD I PACK MORE?

BUT YOU KNOW,
CLAP
YOU CAN'T,
Y-
WHAAT ?!
MAYBE I SHOULD STOP PACKING LUNCHES.
IT'S TRUE THAT WE'RE GOING OUT
.....
grin
grin
grin

NGH
RAT-
TLE
AND .
!
YOU TOLD ME NOT TO OVER-WORK MYSELF,
BUT IF I WORK HARD, I CAN MAKE SOME FREE TIME.

I'M HERE, AREN'T I? OFTEN ENOUGH
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU MORE
REACH

I'll warm take a bath
YOUR SKIN STILL FEELS COLD SO BE SURE TO USE ENOUGH BLANKETS
OKAY!

Ow!
DON'T YOU HAVE TO GET UP EARLY TO-MORROW?
KO-NK
GO TO SLEEP

Sh-
HAH.

CREAK

I LOVE YOU.
Our relationship has changed slightly.
NOT AS FAMILY.
EVER SINCE THEN
I'M THE ONE WHO'S SMITTEN.
but I also can't deny him.
I understand he's searching for something.

Is that his true nature?
SP
la
sh
What if it wasn't?
FOR EXAMPLE, I'VE REMAINED AS BEFORE.
IN THE END I'M JUST PROTECTING MYSELF

NOW OF ALL TIMES...
How many times have I let him dominate me?
I've also become disillusioned,
and become terrified of waking up.

His untainted self
this inescapable regret

SHUT
Can we continue our conversation from last time?
and
my resolution
from here
on out

THIS IS THE GUEST-ROOM
THE STORE ROOM
THE KITCHEN
THIS IS... AMAZ-ING.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER ROOMS TOO.
ARE THESE ALL FOR THE GUESTS?
THE INTERIOR IS FOR THE TASTING PARTY.
BUT MOST OF IT IS FOR THE GUESTS

THE GARDEN IS INCREDIBLE AS WELL.
WITH THIS THEY'LL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE JAPANESE ATMOSPHERE.
THERE ARE MANY INTERNATIONAL VISITORS WHO ENJOY [redacted]TIONAL JAPANESE CUISINE
THIS IS A MINOR DETAIL BUT THE INTERIOR IS ALSO REGULARLY MODIFIED
BECAUSE HOSPITALITY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE BUSINESS WE PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO IT
.....
YES!
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO MEMORIZE THE PLACEMENTS
WHAT DO YOU THINK AFTER SEEING IT? WILL THE KITCHEN BE EASY TO USE?
THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR.
IF THIS IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE BUSINESS,
ARE YOU SURE MY SKILLS WILL BE EN-
LIM,
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE FINE WITH ME?

MAKOTO-KUN.
EVEN PUTTING ASIDE MY BIAS
YOUR COOKING SKILLS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES
I BELIEVE THAT WARMTH AND KIND FOOD IS ALL THAT'S NEEDED TO MAKE A PERSON HAPPY
IT MAY SOUND CLICHÉ,
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.
ALSO, ISN'T IT NORMAL TO WANT TO INTRODUCE THE THINGS YOU LIKE TO OTHER PEOPLE?
I'M ALSO A BIT STUBBORN AND DON'T WANT TO BE TOLD OTHERWISE
ARIMASE-SAN

SAME HERE THANKS FOR TAKING ON MY REQUEST
I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
I'LL WORK HARD TO NOT LET YOU DOWN.
THAT'S GREAT!
I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE HE SEEMED REALLY WARY OF ME WHEN I VISITED THE STORE
SORRY ABOUT THAT...
BY THE WAY HOW IS KOUTA-KUN?
HE WAS PROBABLY AGAINST IT
OH HE'S UM.
I THINK HE'S FINE WITH IT
IT'S COMPLETELY ALRIGHT! THOSE KINDS OF KIDS DON'T EVEN FAZE ME
IT JUST MAKES ME HAPPY
I KNEW IT
MORE IMPORTANT-LY
YOU KNOW

ALL THE DETAILS ARE WRITTEN HERE
CONTACT ME AHEAD OF TIME BEFORE THE EVENT
UNDER-STOOD
Different color
I HAVE THE SAME ONE
I GOT IT AS A PRESENT FROM YOSHIMI-SAN
DID THAT NOTEBOOK BELONG TO YOUR FATHER?
YOU KNOW IT?
I'M THE SAME
I CAN'T USE ANY OTHER ONE NOW
HOW NOSTAL-GIC

I'M BACK.
CL
Loom
WELCOME BACK.
YOU'RE SO EASY TO READ. DON'T SULK.

I'LL TRY TO DO IT ON THE DAYS I'M OFF.
SO AS NOT TO CLOSE UP THE STORE.
THOSE WERE THE CONDI-TIONS.
SO YOU'RE STILL GONNA DO IT?
IT'S JUST THAT I HAVE SOME MEETINGS AT NIGHT.
GO ON THOSE DAYS, JUST TAKE THE KEY AND CLOSE UP FOR ME
Makoto
...GOT IT.
IF IT WASN'T TACHIBANA-SAN WHO ASKED YOU, WOULD YOU HAVE ACCEPTED IT?
GYIT
.....
YOU UNDER-STAND DON'T YOU?
MAKOTO-SAN...

WELL,
THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT HE'S IMPORTANT TO YOU

Phooey!
YOU'RE STILL HUNG UP ON THAT?
I ALREADY EXPLAINED EVERYTHING.

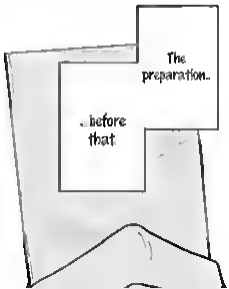
I TOLD YOU!
YOU'RE SO
WHAT?!

Bla
nk
I GUESS

HA

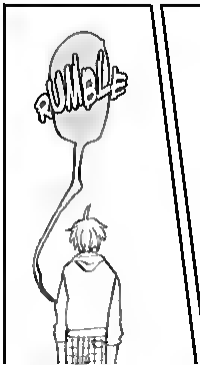
I WANT MEAT FOR DINNER.
SURE THING
.....
UGH.
Thump

I wish
for that


The
preparation..
..before
that

rattle
rattle
I'M HOME...
...OH, YEAH...
HE WON'T BE AROUND TODAY EITHER

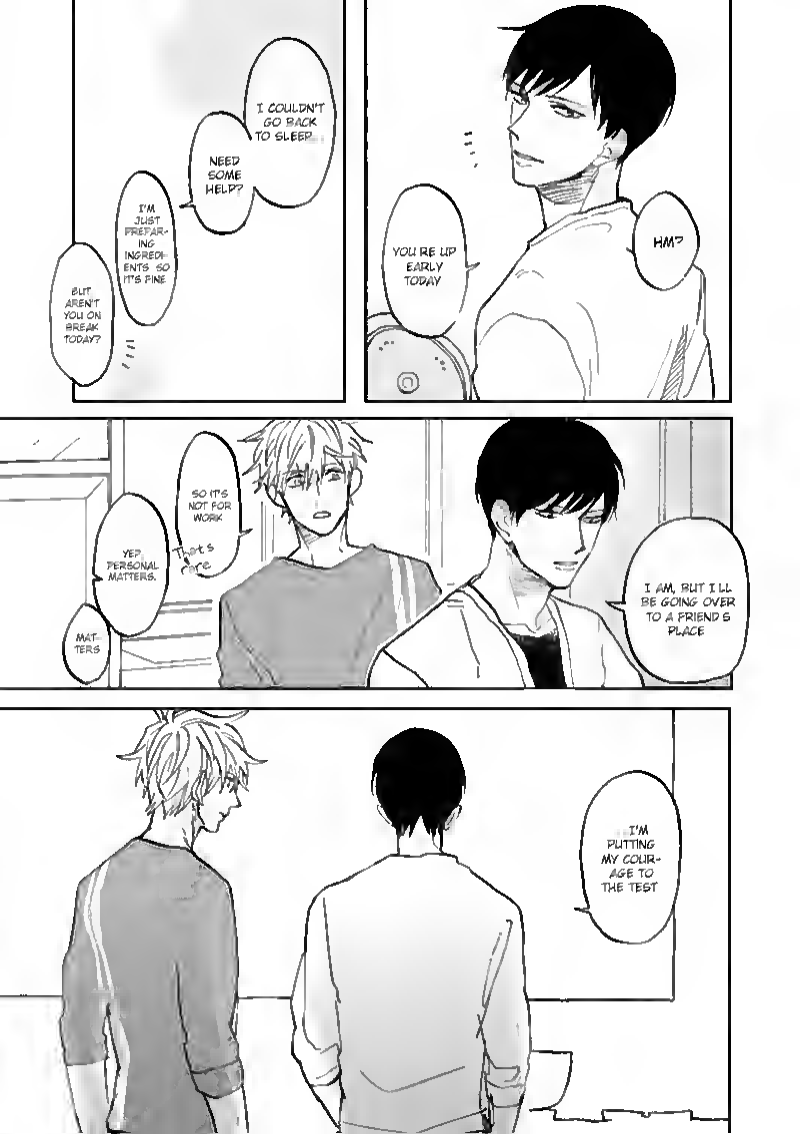
I'M HUNGRY


RUMBLE

slide
DO
WEL-COME BACK.
I'M HOME.
SORRY, I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO PRE-PARE DINNER TODAY.
IT'S OKAY! IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN'T COOK.
MIKO-SAN HASN'T EATEN YET, RIGHT? I'LL GO PRE-PARE IT
YEAH.
...HOW WAS WORK?
sigh
YOU'RE DEALING WITH FOREIGN CUSTOM-ERS AFTER ALL.
I'M SLOWLY GETTING USED TO IT.
IT'S ALRIGHT

RUSTLE
THE CUSTOMERS LIKED THE KIMONO SO MUCH THAT THEY MADE IT UNIFORM
IT WAS TROUBLESOME TO CHANGE SO I CAME HOME LIKE THIS
I-I SEE
badump
badump
It seems as if...
the distance between us has become more unclear...

slightly
close
FLUSH
NGH
BATH-ROOM
GET'S UP
scrub
scrub
pour
Fshhh
Fshhh
Fshhh
RUSTLE
MAKO-SAN
EXACTLY WHAT TIME DID HE SLEEP LAST NIGHT?
scrub
scrub


I COULDN'T GO BACK TO SLEEP...
NEED SOME HELP?
I'M JUST PREPARING INGREDIENTS SO IT'S FINE
BUT AREN'T YOU ON BREAK TODAY?
HM?
YOU'RE UP EARLY TODAY
SO IT'S NOT FOR WORK
That's rare
YEP. PERSONAL MATTERS.
MATTERS
I AM, BUT I'LL BE GOING OVER TO A FRIEND'S PLACE
I'M PUTTING MY COURAGE TO THE TEST

OPEN
Another bento from loving your wife today eh, Kouta!
oh!
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T HAVE A WIFE!
IT'S YOUR GIRL-FRIEND RIGHT?
LISTEN TO ME.
WELL, IT STILL PISSES ME OFF EITHER WAY!
you bastard
POP
SWIFTLY
munch
munch
munch
NOT AGAIN!
TASTES GOOD AS ALWAYS
IT'S FINE ISN'T IT? BETCHA YOUR GIRL MAKES MY SHARE OF THE FOOD, TOO
THAT'S TRUE BUT...!
IS THAT JEALOUSY I SMELL?!
ST
AB
URGH

DOOOOM
So you're here.
stare
YOU SEEM DOWN
I GUESS I REALLY DO GET JEALOUS EASILY...
I'M SO PETTY...!
IS IT ABOUT THE EX-ROY-FRIEND?
AH, HIS GIRLFRIEND IS NOW WORKING WITH HIM
HOW DID YOU KNOW?!
YOU SAID SHE'S OLDER, RIGHT?
BUT TO BRING PRIVATE MATTERS TO WORK IS
snap
YOU'RE SO BRAVE
Aren't that guy
NOD
NOD

munch
THAT'S RIGHT BUT...
THE RESULT FROM LAST TIME WAS GOOD RIGHT?
SOME-HOW...
POP
WELL YOU'RE GIVING YOUR BEST FOR NOW RIGHT?

flip
I WANT TO BECOME AN ADULT QUICKLY

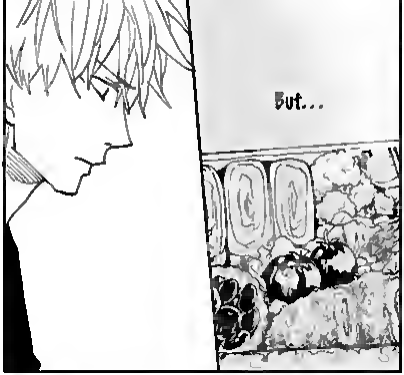
flip
flip
sizzle
ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE IT AT THE SHOP TODAY?
YES.
sizzle
sizzle
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON THE MENU?
IT'S SO HARD
TO DECIDE ON THAT
Aaaah

FLIP
THEN, THIS AND
HOW'S THE TEXTURE?
IT'S fried eh~
It's GOOD.
PERFECT
munch
munch

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I MAKE

I WILL PREPARE MY OWN BREAKFAST AND BENTO FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS
BUT
HM?
...LOOK MIKO-SAN

DON'T YOU ALSO WANT TO FOCUS ON YOUR JOB?
I'd rather have gone
MAKING IT DOESN'T TAKE THAT MUCH TIME
DOING THAT...
BUT YOU'RE ALREADY IN CHARGE OF THE CHORES AND THEY'RE JUST LEFT-OVERS LATELY
OKAY?
SO YOU SHOULD REST PROPERLY
I SAID THAT BUT


But...

I MADE IT QUITE WELL...
IT'S GOOD!
munch
munch

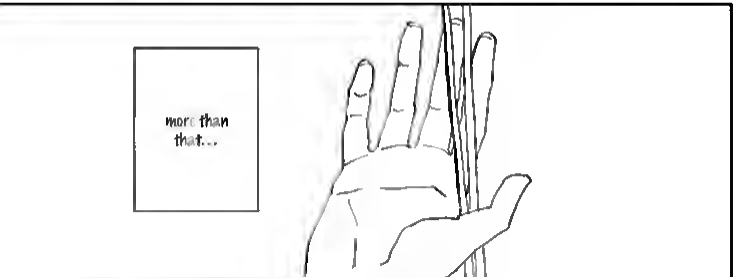
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT TO TRY IT YOURSELF
RICE THAT'S STILL DELICIOUS WHEN IT COOLED DOWN,
NUTRITIONAL BALANCE,
A MEAL THAT YOU DON'T GET TIRED OF

HE'S DOING THAT EVERYDAY.

CLICK
I'm conscious of how obsessive I am.

AS PROOF THAT HE CARES FOR ME

But...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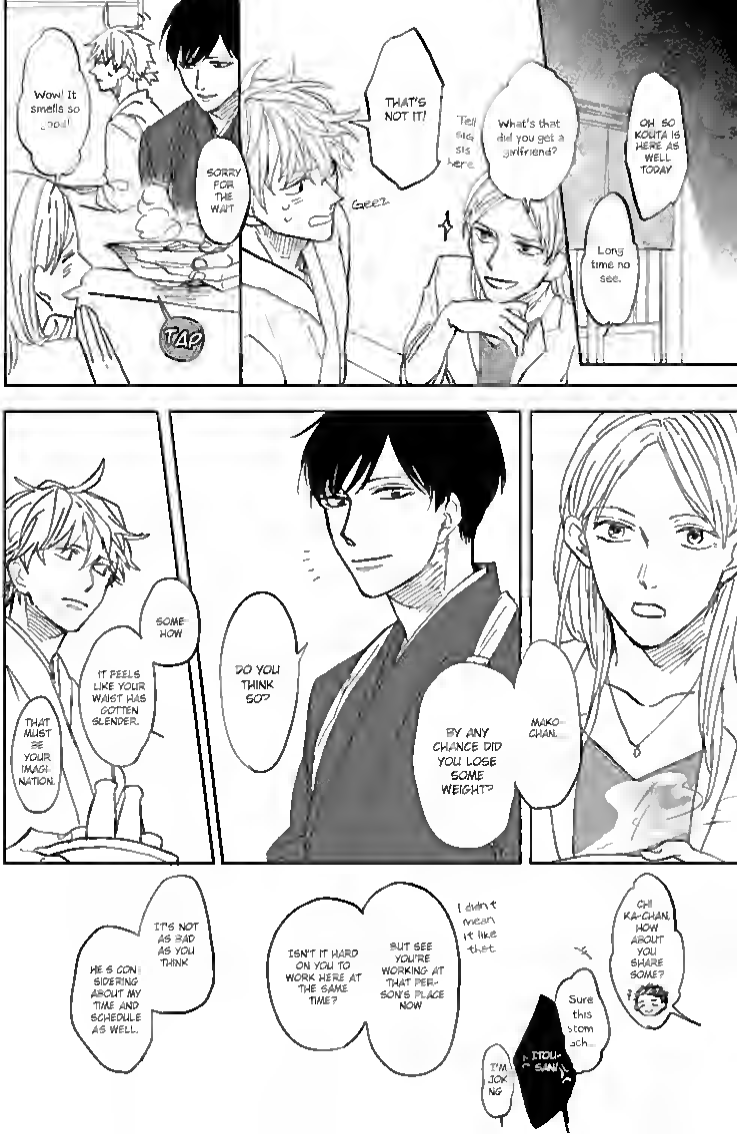

Wow! It smells so good!
SORRY FOR THE WAIT
TAP
THAT'S NOT IT!
GREET
Tell this sis here
What's that did you get a girlfriend?
OH SO KOUTA IS HERE AS WELL TODAY
Long time no see.
THAT MUST BE YOUR IMAGI-NATION.
IT FEELS LIKE YOUR WAIST HAS GOTTEN SLENDER.
SOME-HOW
DO YOU THINK SO?
BY ANY CHANCE DID YOU LOSE SOME WEIGHT?
MAKO-CHAN.
HE'S CON-SIDERING ABOUT MY TIME AND SCHEDULE AS WELL.
IT'S NOT AS BAD AS YOU THINK
ISN'T IT HARD ON YOU TO WORK HERE AT THE SAME TIME?
BUT SEE YOU'RE WORKING AT THAT PER-SON'S PLACE NOW
I didn't mean it like that
Sure this stom-ach...
I'M JOK-ING
ITOU-SAN
CHI! KA-CHAN. HOW ABOUT YOU SHARE SOME?

THEN, IT'S ALRIGHT I GUESS...
WE'RE ROOTING FOR YOU, BUT DON'T OVERDO IT
SOMETIMES IT'S TROUBLESOME
BUT IT'S WORTH IT.
YOU'RE THE SAME AS ALWAYS!
ABOVE ALL, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US WHEN WE'RE NOT ABLE TO EAT HERE ANYMORE...
I'M OKAY.

YES...
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT
PLEASE DON'T BE WORRIED
I'M HAPPY THAT I WAS OF ANY HELP
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AS WELL, ARIMA-SA-SAN...
GOOD-NIGHT

CLATTER
MAKO-SAN!!
!
dizzy
rustle
NGH
!
GRIP
SORRY
I JUST GOT A LITTLE DIZZY WHEN I GOT UP
I'LL GO TO BED

YOU CAN'T GO ON LIKE THAT...
YOU KNOW THAT YOURSELF.
KOUTA?
ARE YOU GOING TO FORGET ABOUT ME AGAIN?
I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THIS
BUT NONETHELESS!
I'M STILL IMMATURE
AND I CAN'T DO AS MUCH AS THAT PERSON

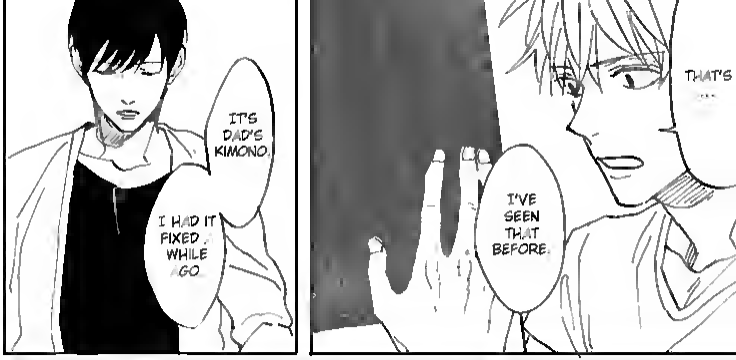
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO DO EV-ERYTHING ON YOUR OWN?!
I'M RIGHT HERE!!
...HOW LONG WILL YOU BE HERE?
rustle

I CAN'T TRUST THAT YOU WILL BE HERE FOR-EVER
I'M NOT ABLE TO BE-LIEVE IT, BUT...
EVEN SO,
I STILL HOPE FOR IT.

I WANT TO THINK THAT
YOU'LL BE WITH ME FROM HERE ON.
...I PASSED THE SECOND LEVEL IN CONSTRUC-TION MANAGING ENGINEERS
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
IF WE'RE GOING TO LIVE TOGETHER, THIS CURRENT SITUATION IS MESSED UP!
SINCE EXPE-RIENCE IN OFFICE WORK IS NEEDED IT WILL STILL TAKE SOME TIME...
BUT...
AND I STARTED STUDYING FOR THE FIRST LEVEL...

PLEASE DEPEND ON ME!
I WANT TO LIVE WITH YOU!!

...SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING LATELY
I SEE... I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS LOST
rustle
clatter


IT'S DAD'S KIMONO.
I HAD IT FIXED WHILE I WAS GO...
THAT'S...
I'VE SEEN THAT BEFORE.

EH?
BUT THAT'S YOSHIMI-SAN'S...
IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT.
I WANT YOU TO WEAR IT.

NN...
From here on,

I...
WILL TREASURE IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE
SQUEEZE
RESOLUTION
CAN I TRY IT ON?
YEAH
I WONDER IF I SHOULD WEAR AN UNDERSHIRT.
THE MIRROR IS IN YOUR ROOM, RIGHT?

I'M TOO CLUMSY TO WEAR IT MYSELF.
CAN YOU HELP ME PUT IT ON?
IS THAT
MAKO-SAN?

HA.
IS IT REALLY
AL-RIGHT?
GEEZ.

SLIP
NGH
GRIP

NGH
HAH.
NGH

GRIP
shove
HAH
AH.
clench
NGH
...
I'M REALLY ENVIOUS
Hah
Hah
I'LL GIVE MY BEST FROM NOW ON,
SO I WON'T LET YOU BE LOST ANY-MORE

reach
!
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT

TIGHTEN
IT FITS YOU VERY WELL
SO?

WE'RE GOING OUT TOGETHER?
IN THIS OUTFIT?
YEP!
HEHE
PUT ON YOURS TOO AND LET'S GO SOMEWHERE.
YES
LET'S PACK A MEAL AND GO OUT FOR A WALK.
LET'S TAKE IT SLOWLY THEN
End

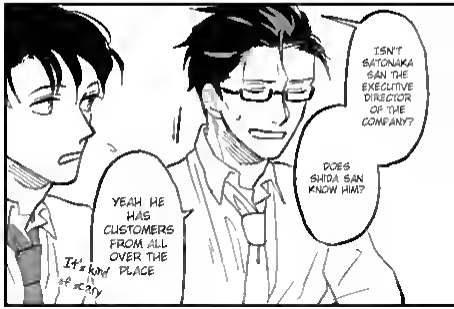
相生結び

Aioi Musubi Extra

THERE'S MORE THAN ENOUGH, SO PLEASE EAT UP
The food was...
definitely something I'd come back for

YOU SURE HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS
YOUR COOKING IS DELICIOUS SO I HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR IT
IT'S A NEW DISH I CAME UP WITH
TRY THIS TACHIBANA KUN
MAY I?
clatter
clatter
NOISY
BESIDES HE'S GRADUALLY BECOMING ONE OF OUR REGULAR CUSTOMERS
WA HA HA HA
THE STOMACH IS HONEST AFTER ALL!
HAHA, THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
BUT I'LL ADMIT HE'S BEEN SHAPING UP TO BE PRETTY GOOD THESE DAYS
IT'S A GOOD THING THIS KID JOINED YOUR COMPANY SAWAMURA-SAN
HE STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO! GOTTA TRAIN HIM AND ALL
YOU KNOW SATANAKA FROM MATSUSHITA INDUSTRIES RIGHT?
I'D LIKE TO CONTACT HIM BUT I LEFT HIS BUSINESS CARD IN MY OFFICE
Gimme a sec
SURE THING
OH YEAH
I ALMOST FORGOT YOSHIMITSU SAN

Welcome
NO, I'M SORRY FOR THE BOTHER!
THANKS FOR THE WAIT!


ISN'T SATONAKA SAN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY?
DOES SHIDA SAN KNOW HIM?
YEAH HE HAS CUSTOMERS FROM ALL OVER THE PLACE
It's kind of scary

THANK YOU SO MUCH! YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP
YOU'RE WELCOME
THIS IS FOR WORK SO IT'S NOT A PROBLEM

He must have used it alot.
The leather cover is slightly faded and bent.

flip
LET'S SEE

Alright! Let's drink up for a better tomorrow!
AL-RIGHT

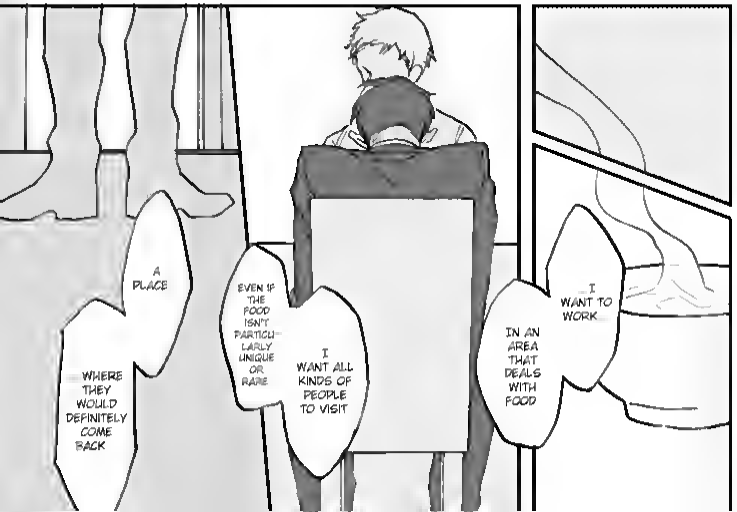
WELL... THAT'S UP TO THE PERSON... RIGHT?

WHY DON'T YOU CARRY A NOTE-BOOK LIKE THAT TOO?

The company I work for isn't exactly a large-scale business.
But the work is rewarding,
and the environment is great.
That's why...
I often pretended not to see the things happening around me.
BILL OF INDICTMENT
....WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
THIS IS...
YOU'RE SHARP WITTED, SO...
YOU SHOULD HAVE SENSED SOMETHING FROM BEFORE.
TACHIBANA, YOU...

ARE SIMPLY TOO KIND FOR YOUR OWN GOOD
SOMETIMES PEOPLE HAVE TO MAKE DIFFICULT DESICIONS IN ORDER TO PROTECT WHAT THEY HAVE
EVEN IF THOSE DESCISIONS SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN MADE
CLINK
AND IT'S BECAUSE WE BELIEVED IN THEM THAT WE FIND IT HARD TO ACCEPT

CLENCH
PERHAPS YOU
WANT TO TRY BELIEVING AGAIN?


I WANT TO WORK IN AN AREA THAT DEALS WITH FOOD
I WANT ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE TO VISIT
EVEN IF THE FOOD ISN'T PARTICULARLY UNIQUE OR RARE
A PLACE WHERE THEY WOULD DEFINITELY COME BACK

Even though I came here without a second thought,
I was sure I could find what I wanted.
...FOR THE WARMTH.
I BELIEVE IT'S SOMETHING THAT WILL BIND THEM TO MY PLACE
IS THAT SO?

RIIIIING
BEEP
YES, TACHIBANA HERE
RIIIIING
YES
...HUH?
N-NO IT'S NOTHING
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU...
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY
TACHIBANA ARIMASA
TEXT ON PHONE: CALL ENDED
BEEP
SEE YOU TOMORROW

HELLO!
rattle
rattle
AH
I MANAGED TO FINISH UP QUICKLY SO I CAME STRAIGHT AFTER
YOU'RE EARLY FOR ONCE
OH GOOD WORK TODAY!
I'M MANAGING SOMEHOW
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN? UNIVERSITY LIFE GOING WELL?
LONG TIME NO SEE, MAKOTO-KUN!
ARI-MASA-SAN!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

HELLO THERE
SHOCK
In de
wary
peek
THAT'S GREAT
KOUTA,
WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS?
Ji
DON'T HIDE BEHIND ME—
Mako-san!
Let's go over there!
HUH? H-HEY!
STOMP
OKAY OKAY I GET IT!
THUD
THUD
YANK
WOAH!
KOUTA'S QUITE SHARP SO HE JUST HAS HIS GUARD UP
WHAT A PRECOCIOUS KID
IS THAT THE BOY YOU MENTIONED?
YUP. HE STICKS TO MAKOTO LIKE GLUE
I FEEL LIKE HE HATES ME...
HAHA! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

HMMM
I'M GLAD THINGS ARE GOING SMOOTHLY
IT'S ALMOST GOING TOO WELL TO BE HONEST
HMM. I SEE
IT SEEMS LIKE WE CAN GO WITH THE PLAN EARLIER THAN EXPECTED
ANYWAY, HOW ARE THINGS GOING ON YOUR END?
clatter
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU...
COULD IT BE THAT
HUH?
YES
NO EXCUSE ME
I WILL BE UNDER YOUR CARE
EVER SINCE THAT DAY
THEN, STARTING TOMORROW AFTERNOON.
YOSHI-MITSU-SAN, YOU

I'M DIGGING IN
EAT UP
thud
thunk
HERE
A FAREWELL GIFT
rummage
STILL TO THINK YOU WON'T BE IN THE COUNTRY FOR LONG
OPEN
GO ON, OPEN IT.
THIS IS...

A FRIEND OF MINE IS A LEATHER CRAFTER
HE'S A STUBBORN OLD MAN BUT WHEN IT COMES TO HIS CREATIONS HE'S VERY GENEROUS
AH
NOTEBOOK
WE NOW HAVE MATCHING NOTEBOOKS BUT.
I HOPE IT ISN'T TOO OLD-FASHIONED FOR YOUR TASTE
rattle
NO!
NOT AT ALL!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT
YOU PROBABLY WON'T HAVE TIME TO COME BACK HERE ONCE YOU START WORK OVERSEAS
IT'S SAD THAT I'LL HAVE ONE LESS CUSTOMER
I'M SURE ONE PERSON WOULDN'T MAKE MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE
OF COURSE IT WOULD!

I MAY BE GONE FOR SOMETIME BUT.
YOU GUYS WILL BE...
I shouldn't...
IT'S GOING TO BE QUITE LONELY HERE
MAKOTO'S QUITE ATTACHED TO YOU TOO
...be so reliant on other people's goodwill anymore.
ONCE I FILL UP THIS NOTEBOOK
I'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK...

I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THEN
For the sake of coming back here again.

End

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ROUGH DRAFTS CHARACTER PROFILES

Shida Makoto (~32 years old)
Current owner of Japanese restaurant Yoshimi

INITIAL CONCEPT ART

Takahashi Kouta (~22 years old)
Public Works Employee
Helps Makoto at the store when he has time.

Shida Yoshimi (?)
Previous owner of Yoshimi

Tachibana Arimasa (~45 years old)
Works in the food import/export industry

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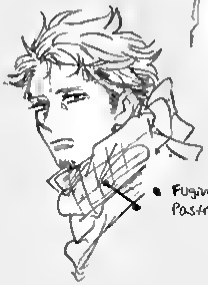
Moka-san
Makoto's long time senior in university.

- Satou-san
Long time customer of Yoshimi



- Fugino Akira (~32 years old)
Pastry chef

- Ichan (Ippei)
Works at Yoshimi

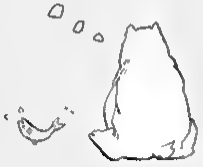
- Aoi Musubi is used to shred white radish and carrots for packaging. It's also used for celebrations.

Afterword

Hello! Syaku here!
Thank you so much for buying this comic.
This book is filled with all the things that I love.
It would make me happy if this story made your day.

Thank you so much for reading.

2014.10 Syaku



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